

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement of September 2, 2010, time for response to which expired October 2, 2010. The fee for an extension of time of one month is being filed concurrently with this paper, thereby extending the period for response to November 2, 2010.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect without traverse Group II, claims 1-10, 12-14, 29, and 30, drawn to a method comprising contacting a plant cell with a nonhydrolyzable NTP analogue, a composition comprising said analogue, and the use of the said analogue as an active agent in a preparation of a herbicidal composition. Applicants submit that the claimed invention reads on claims 1-10, 12-14, 29, and 30

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit, in view of the foregoing remarks and the declarations submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.132, that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully request a telephonic or in-person interview with the undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues and to expedite the eventual allowance of the claims.

Except for issues payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required